

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I do not want to be forced to take a hearing test before buying a new hearing aid. If so let the F.D.A. pay for the exam.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Surgery on my left ear which did not help. Instead I lost most of the hearing I had left in it.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *No.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *Yes.*

Hearing aids are very delicate. Only last 4 or 5 years with the best of care. At \$1000⁰⁰ each it gets pretty costly.

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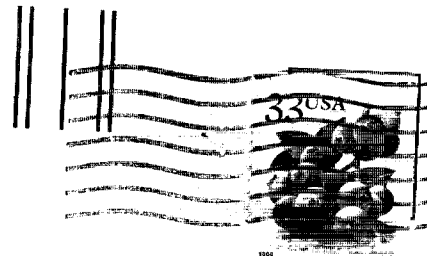
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